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TO LABOR PARTY

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1. THE DAY AFTER HIS PRESS CONFERENCE (REFTEL) PRIME  
MINISTER MINTOFF APPEARED BEFORE AN ENTHUSIASTIC  
GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE MALTA LABOR PARTY FOR HIS  
RITUALISTIC RE-ELECTION AS LEADER OF THE PARTY FOR THE  
NEXT FIVE YEARS. TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE OCCASION (THE  
PROCEEDINGS WERE CARRIED LIVE ON RADIO AND TELEVISION),  
MINTOFF MADE WHAT AMOUNTED TO AN ADDRESS TO THE NATION  
ON THE POLICIES HIS GOVERNMENT WILL FOLLOW IN THE FUTURE.

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MANY OF HIS REMARKS WERE ONLY A RE-EMPHASIS OF WHAT HE

HAD SAID PREVIOUSLY TO THE INTERNATIONAL CORRESPONDENTS, BUT THEY ARE SIGNIFICANT IN THAT THEY ARE CLEARLY FOREMOST IN HIS MIND AS HE BEGINS A SECOND TERM AS PRIME MINISTER.

2. ON DOMESTIC POLICY, MINTOFF AGAIN WARNED THAT HARD WORK FOR EVERYONE WOULD BE THE ORDER OF THE DAY IN MALTA. "THE MAJORITY OF THE MALTESE PEOPLE HAVE DECIDED THAT MALTA SHOULD NOT REMAIN A MILITARY BASE AFTER 1979. AND ALL THOSE WHO SAY THAT THEY ARE DEMOCRATIC MUST NOW WORK SO THAT MALTA WILL NOT REMAIN A FORTRESS AFTER 1979. WE HAVE PLEDGED TO DO AWAY WITH LAZINESS. IT IS THE DUTY OF EVERY HEALTHY MAN, OF ALL CIVILIZED MEN, TO WORK."

3. CONCERNING THE ACKNOWLEDGED NEED FOR INCREASED INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT TO TAKE UP THE ECONOMIC SLACK WHICH WILL OCCUR AS THE BRITISH FORCES DEPART, MINTOFF URGED FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS AND BUSINESSMEN TO COME TO MALTA'S AID. "TELL EVERYBODY, TELL THE INDUSTRIALISTS AND THE FOREIGNERS, THAT THIS GOVERNMENT GIVES ALL THE ASSISTANCE REQUIRED TO ALL THOSE WHO WANT TO SET UP SHOP IN MALTA... WITH REGARD TO ENTERPRISE, OUR DOORS ARE OPEN TO ALL: TO THE AMERICANS, TO THE CZECHOSLOVAKS, TO THE ITALIANS, TO THE LIBYANS, TO EVERYONE...WE WELCOME ALL THOSE WHO WANT TO WORK HERE TO HELP US INCREASE PRODUCTION."

4. MINTOFF STRONGLY REAFFIRMED HIS WELL-KNOWN POLICY OF NEUTRALITY AND NON-ALIGNMENT IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS. "THE PEOPLE HAVE DECIDED THAT MALTA SHOULD BE A NEUTRAL COUNTRY, AND NON-ALIGNED WITH EITHER THE AMERICAN OR THE SOVIET BLOCS...SOLDIERS...WE DON'T WANT FROM ANYONE. BUT THINGS OF PEACE WE WANT FROM EVERYONE."

5. MINTOFF ALSO MENTIONED A PROPOSAL MADE BY THE LABOR PARTY DURING THE POLITICAL CAMPAIGN TO CREATE "NEIGHBORHOOD COMMITTEES" IN THE VARIOUS TOWNS AND VILLAGES OF MALTA TO HELP WITH ADMINISTRATIVE AND CIVIC FUNCTIONS, A PLAN WHICH HAS CREATED GREAT CONCERN AMONG NATIONALIST SUPPORTERS. "DEMOCRACY MUST REIGN EVERYWHERE AND EVERYONE MUST PARTICIPATE IN DECISIONS. THAT IS WHY WE WANT THE NEIGHBORHOOD COMMITTEES. NOT TO SPY ON ANYBODY, BUT SO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THAT THE PEOPLE SITTING ON THESE COMMITTEES WILL BE GIVEN A CHANCE TO KNOW EXACTLY WHAT THE GOVERNMENT IS DOING..."

6. MINTOFF CLOSED BY MENTIONING AGAIN THE QUESTION OF POLITICAL VIOLENCE DURING AND AFTER THE SEPTEMBER 17-18 ELECTION. HE WARNED ONCE MORE THAT SUCH ACTS WOULD NO LONGER BE TOLERATED. "WE KNOW HOW TO RUN OUR AFFAIRS AND WE WILL DISCIPLINE OUR PEOPLE ... THE GOVERNMENT WILL

PREVENT VANDALISM ... WHEN WE LEARN THE IDENTIFY OF THESE PEOPLE THEY WILL BE PUNISHED." "WHOEVER COMMITS THESE ACTS OF VIOLENCE IS NEITHER A LABORITE, NOR A SOCIALIST, NOR A CHRISTIAN AND (IS NOT) CIVILIZED. WE DO NOT WANT VIOLENCE."

7. COMMENT: THIS WAS ANOTHER MASTERFUL AND THOUGHT-PROVOKING PERFORMANCE BY MINTOFF. HE COMES ACROSS VERY MUCH AS THE CONFIDENT, ASSURED LEADER WHO KNOWS EXACTLY WHAT HE WANTS FOR MALTA, AND IS DETERMINED TO ACHIEVE IT. ALTHOUGH THE ASSEMBLED LABORITES CHEERED AND PRAISED HIM, THERE ALSO WERE SERIOUS LOOKS AMONG THE AUDIENCE WHEN HE DISCUSSED THE NEED FOR HARD WORK AND HIS INSISTENCE ON EHDING THE HABITUAL RAMPAGES AGAINST THE NATIONALIST OPPOSITION. MINTOFF OBVIOUSLY INTENDS FOR ALL THE MALTESE TO GET DOWN TO BUSINESS, WITH THE PROBLEM OF THE 1979 BRITISH DEPARTURE LOOMING AHEAD. HIS INSISTENCE ON STARTING A SERIES OF LABOR-CONTROLLED CIVIC GROUPS AT THE VILLAGE LEVEL COULD HAVE OMINOUS OVERTONES FOR THE FUTURE. MANY MALTESE SEE A STRONG ELEMENT OF "BIG BROTH" GOVERNMENT BEHIND THIS IDEA. ON FOREIGN POLICY, MINTOFF KEEPS HAMMERING AWAY AT HIS INTENTION OF KEEPING BOTH AMERICAN AND RUSSIAN FORCES (OR ANY OTHERS) OUT OF MALTA AFTER THE BRITISH LEAVE. WE THINK MINTOFF REALLY MEANS IT, BUT HE CLEARLY WILL EXPECT TO BE SUPPORTED ECONOMICALLY AS A "REWARD" FOR HIS NEUTRALITY. THOSE EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS WHICH HE HAS SELECTED AS HIS "FRIENDS" CAN EXPECT TO FIND THE MALTESE KNOCKING HEAVILY ON THEIR DOORS LONG BEFORE 1979 ARRIVES. END COMMENT  
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